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Annotations

Item 1
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

1. Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that commissions shall adopt, at the beginning of each session, the agenda of the session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda and documentation for the seventeenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development were approved by the Council in its decision 2013/229 of 22 July 2013.

2. In accordance with the established practice, the Commission, at its 7th meeting on 7 June 2013, elected by acclamation the Bureau of the seventeenth session, as follows:

Chair:	Mr. Andrew Reynolds (United States of America)
Vice-Chairs:	Mr. Majed Almazyed (Saudi Arabia) Mr. Jean-Pierre Biyiti bi Essam (Cameroon) Mr. Peter Major (Hungary) Mr. Alexander Mora (Costa Rica)

3. As at previous sessions of the Commission, one of the Vice-Chairs will be designated to also serve as Rapporteur.

4. The proposed organization of work of the Commission at its seventeenth session (see annex I) is based on relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time frame available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission. The timetable should be considered tentative and indicative; if the Commission completes its consideration of an item ahead of schedule, it may wish to proceed immediately to the next item.

5. The Commission is scheduled to meet from Monday to Friday, 12 to 16 May 2014. The morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the afternoon meetings, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

6. The current membership of the Commission is contained in annex II for information.

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Item 2
Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels

7. The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), organized by the International Telecommunication Union on behalf of the United Nations, took place in two phases: the first, in Geneva (2003), the second, in Tunis (2005). In the Geneva Declaration of Principles, the first phase of the Summit adopted a common vision and commitment to building a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society.[1] The

[1] The outcome documents are available at http://www.itu.int/wsis/.

second phase endorsed the outcomes of the first phase and adopted the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, which addressed, inter alia, the themes of financial mechanisms and Internet governance.

8. The Tunis Agenda for the Information Society requested the Economic and Social Council to oversee the United Nations system-wide follow-up of the outcomes of the Geneva and Tunis phases of the Summit. To this end, the Council was requested to review the mandate of the Commission, including its strengthening, taking into account the multi-stakeholder approach (Tunis Agenda, para. 105).

9. In its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006 on the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission would effectively assist the Council as the focal point in the system-wide follow-up to the Summit outcomes and advise the Council thereon, including through recommendations to the Council aimed at furthering the implementation of the Summit outcomes.

10. In its resolution 2007/8 of 25 July 2007 on the flow of information for the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to inform the Commission annually on the implementation of the outcomes of the Summit, including all e-applications. In this connection, the Council requested United Nations organizations acting as action-line facilitators, Regional Commissions, main theme facilitators, the Global Alliance for Information and Communications Technologies and Development, and other entities, as appropriate, to submit to the secretariat of the Commission their respective reports as inputs to the annual report of the Secretary-General to the Commission.

11. The report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels (A/69/65–E/2014/12) aims to provide an overview of the progress made in the implementation of the Summit outcomes, highlighting examples of good and effective practices, with a view to sharing these practices and the lessons learned. It draws on the findings and recommendations of the Commission's panel discussion held in Washington, D.C., in December 2013, on inputs by United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and on other relevant literature. The Commission will review and assess progress on the implementation of the Summit outcomes at the regional and international levels, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2006/46.

12. In its resolution 67/195 on information and communications technologies for development, the General Assembly invited the Chair of the Commission to establish a working group on enhanced cooperation to examine the Summit mandate regarding enhanced cooperation as contained in the Tunis Agenda by seeking, compiling and reviewing inputs from all Member States and other stakeholders, and to make recommendations on how to fully implement this mandate. When convening the working group, it was also requested that the Chair take into consideration the meetings already scheduled on the calendar of the Commission, and that the working group should report to the Commission at its seventeenth session, in 2014, providing an input to the overall review of the Summit outcomes.

13. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/195, the Chair of the Commission held consultations with regional and stakeholder groups, following which the final composition of the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation was announced in March 2013. The Working Group, which consists of 22 Member States and five representatives each from the private sector, civil society, technical and academic communities, and intergovernmental and international organizations, held two meetings in 2013. It will convene at least once more in February 2014 and again, if necessary. The Working Group will report to the seventeenth session of the Commission, providing an input to the overall review of the

WSIS outcomes, based on Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/9 (see para. 15 below) and General Assembly resolution 67/195.

14. In its resolution 68/198 on information and communications technologies for development, the General Assembly expressed concern about the growing digital divide and the need to bridge it in order to harness the developmental implications of information and communications technologies. The General Assembly also decided to finalize the modalities for the overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes, in accordance with paragraph 111 of the Tunis Agenda, as early as possible, but no later than the end of March 2014, and invited the President of the Assembly to appoint two co-facilitators to convene open intergovernmental consultations for that purpose.

15. In its resolution 2013/9 of 22 July 2013 on the assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, the Economic and Social Council requested the Commission to organize a substantive discussion during its seventeenth session in 2014 on the progress made in the implementation of WSIS outcomes (para. 47). The substantive discussion will take place on Wednesday, 14 May 2014, as indicated in the proposed organization of work (annex I).

Documentation

A/69/65–E/2014/12	Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels
E/CN.16/2014/CRP.1	Report on the intersessional panel meeting

Item 3
Priority themes

16. In its resolution 68/220, the General Assembly recognized the "vital role that science, technology and innovation, including environmentally sound technologies, can play in development and in facilitating efforts to address global challenges". This includes efforts to eradicate poverty, achieve food security, enhance access to energy and increase energy efficiency, promote global health, improve education, accelerate the pace of economic diversification and transformation, and improve productivity and competitiveness, thereby supporting sustainable development.

17. In its resolution 2006/46 (para. 4), the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should be the focal point in the system-wide follow-up of WSIS outcomes, while at the same time maintaining its original mandate on science and technology for development. It requested that the Commission follow a multi-year work programme underpinned by a strong development orientation.

18. In accordance with this mandate, the Commission focuses in each annual cycle on a specific theme related to science, technology and innovation and a second one related to building the information society with a view to narrowing the digital divide, and examines, within its original mandate, the implications of each of these themes for development.

19. The priority themes addressed by the Commission are as follows:

(a) Science, technology and innovation for the post-2015 development agenda:

(i) Taking stock: A decade of contributions of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to the Millennium Development Goals;

(ii) Looking forward: Science, technology and innovations prospects for the post-2015 development agenda;

(b) Information and communications technologies for inclusive social and economic development.

20. In order to contribute to a further understanding of these themes, and to assist the Commission in its deliberations at its seventeenth session, a panel meeting was convened in Washington, D.C., from 2 to 4 December 2013. The report on the panel discussion will be submitted to the Commission for consideration.

Documentation

E/CN.16/2014/2	Science, technology and innovation for the post-2015 development agenda
E/CN.16/2014/3	Information and communications technologies for inclusive social and economic development
E/CN.16/2014/CRP.1	Report on the intersessional panel meeting

Item 4
Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews

21. In its resolution 68/220 on science, technology and innovation for development, the General Assembly extended its appreciation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for undertaking science, technology and innovation policy (STIP) reviews and encouraged UNCTAD to continue providing its expertise and analytical skills for these reviews.

22. In its resolution 2011/17, the Economic and Social Council encouraged the Commission to facilitate new STIP reviews, in close collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Bank and other relevant international development banks and institutions, and to consider new modalities to monitor progress for their implementation. In particular, the Council encouraged the Commission to identify opportunities and best practices and synergies in and between e-science, e-engineering and e-education programmes worldwide in the course of performing STIP reviews. Further, the Council requested the Commission to complete and disseminate the new STIP methodology guidelines and share outcomes and best practices resulting from their implementation. Subsequently, in its draft resolution 2013/10, the Council also encouraged the Commission to enhance the treatment of information and communications technologies as an integral, empowering asset for science, technology and engineering for innovation within STIP reviews and to plan for periodic updates on progress made in countries for which STIP Reviews have been performed.

23. The Commission will hear the presentation of the report on the STIP Review of Oman, which commenced in 2013, and updates of follow-on activities from countries for which STIP Reviews were completed in the last two years.

Item 5
Election of the Chair and other officers for the eighteenth session of the Commission

24. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will elect a Chair and four Vice-Chairs for the eighteenth session at the end of the seventeenth session. One of the Vice-Chairs will also serve as Rapporteur.

Item 6
Provisional agenda and documentation for the eighteenth session of the Commission

25. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its eighteenth session, together with an indication of the documentation to be submitted for its consideration.

Item 7
Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventeenth session

26. In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, the Commission shall submit to the Economic and Social Council a report on the work of its seventeenth session.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	*Agenda item/discussion topic*	*Programme*
Monday, 12 May		
10 a.m.	1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	Opening statements
		Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels	Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General
	Ministerial round table: Review of progress made in the implementation of WSIS outcomes	Ministerial round table followed by general debate
3 p.m.	3. Priority themes	
	Ministerial round table: Science, technology and innovation for the post-2015 development agenda	Ministerial round table followed by general debate
Tuesday, 13 May		
10 a.m.	3. Priority themes	
	(a) Science, technology and innovation for the post-2015 development agenda	Introduction and general debate
3 p.m.	3. Priority themes (continued)	
	(b) Information and communications technologies for inclusive social and economic development	Introduction and general debate
Wednesday, 14 May		
10 a.m.	2. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels: Substantive session on the WSIS+10 Review, pursuant to paragraph 47 of E/RES/2013/9	General debate – continued

Date/time	*Agenda item/discussion topic*	*Programme*
3 p.m.	2. Continued: Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels: Substantive session on the WSIS+10 Review, pursuant to paragraph 47 of E/RES/2013/9	General debate – continued
Thursday, 15 May		
10 a.m.	4. Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews	Introduction followed by an interactive dialogue
3 p.m.	Informal consultations on draft proposals	Informal consultations on draft proposals – continued
Friday, 16 May		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	5. Election of the Chair and other officers for the eighteenth session of the Commission	Election of officers
	6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the eighteenth session of the Commission	Informal consultations on draft proposals continues in parallel (as required)
		Action on draft proposals
	7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventeenth session	Adoption of the draft provisional agenda for the eighteenth session of the Commission
		Adoption of the draft report
	Closure of the session	

Annex II

Membership of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its seventeenth session

The Commission is composed of 43 members serving a four-year term.[a]

	Membership (2014)	*Term expires on 31 December 2014*
1.	Austria	2016
2.	Brazil	2016
3.	Bulgaria	2014
4.	Cameroon	2016
5.	Central African Republic	2016
6.	Chile	2016
7.	China	2014
8.	Costa Rica	2016
9.	Cuba	2014
10.	Dominican Republic	2014
11.	El Salvador	2014
12.	Finland	2016
13.	France	2014
14.	Germany	2016
15.	Hungary	2014
16.	India	2014
17.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2014
18.	Japan	2016
19.	Latvia	2014
20.	Lesotho	2014
21.	Liberia	2016
22.	Malta	2014
23.	Mauritius	2014

[a] There are currently two vacancies: one in the Pacific-Asia Group, and one in the Eastern European Group.

Membership (2013)	Term expires on 31 December 2014
24. Mexico	2016
25. Nigeria	2016
26. Oman	2016
27. Peru	2014
28. Philippines	2014
29. Portugal	2016
30. Russian Federation	2016
31. Rwanda	2014
32. Saudi Arabia	2014
33. Sri Lanka	2016
34. Sweden	2014
35. Switzerland	2016
36. Togo	2014
37. Tunisia	2014
38. Turkey	2014
39. United Republic of Tanzania	2014
40. United States of America	2014
41. Zambia	2016